

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ATOMIC ENERGY
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4094
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MISSING PICTURE OF '69 MOON MISSION'
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Will the Minister of ATOMIC ENERGY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the picture of '69 Moon Mission' is missing from the research lab;
- (b) if so, whether the Tata Institute of Fundamental Research has constituted a Committee for investigation in this regard;
- (c) if so, the details thereof and the outcome therefrom;
- (d) the action taken/proposed to be taken against the persons found guilty in this regard; and
- (e) if not, the time by which the investigations will be completed?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY AND EARTH SCIENCES (INDEPENDENT CHARGE), PMO, PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI PRITHVIRAJ CHAVAN):

- (a) The Tata Institute of Fundamental Research (TIFR) was presented with a framed, autographed photograph of the Appollo 15 mission in 1985 by US Astronaut, James Irwin. As per archival records of TIFR, no photograph of 1969 moon mission was presented to TIFR.
- (b) & (c) In June 2009 there was a news report in the Times of India about an autographed photograph of moon mission presented to TIFR having gone missing from TIFR Lab. TIFR constituted a Committee to investigate in to the news paper reports. The Committee conducted an extensive search through the records at the Institute and found that there was only a photograph of the Apollo 15 mission autographed by US Astronaut James Irwin, which was presented to TIFR in 1985. This photograph is still in the Institute in its archive.
- (d) & (e) Since no photograph has gone missing, the question of action being taken against persons found guilty, does not arise.